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SUBJECT: VIOLENCE CONTINUES: PRESIDENT OF ITALIAN PETROLEUM
ASSOCIATION SEVERELY WOUNDED ON ROMAN THOROUGHFARE

1. DURING TODAY'S MORNING RUSH HOUR (APRIL 21) GIOVANNI THEODOLI WAS AMBUSHED AND SEVERELY WOUNDED ON THE VIA GIULIA WHILE DRIVING HIMSELF TO WORK. HE IS CONCURRENTLY THE PRESIDENT OF "UNIONE PETROLIFERA ITALIANA" (WHICH IS THE ASSOCIATION OF THE MAJOR PRIVATE PETROLEUM FIRMS OPERATING IN ITALY) AND PRESIDENT/MANAGING DIRECTOR OF "CHEVRON OIL ITALIANA." HE RECEIVED MULTIPLE BULLET WOUNDS TO LEGS AND HANDS AND LOST MUCH BLOOD. HIS CONDITION IS SERIOUS BUT HE IS NOW EXPECTED RPT EXPECTED TO SURVIVE.

2. A GROUP CALLING ITSELF "FORMAZIONI COMUNISTE ARMATE" (ARMED COMMUNIST FORMATIONS) TELEPHONED A ROMAN NEWSPAPER TO CLAIM RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS ATTACK AND FOR ALSO
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HAVING SET AFLAME TEXACO'S FLORENCE OFFICE ON APRIL

14. CALLER'S TIMELY KNOWLEDGE OF CALIBRE OF BULLETS
USED WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE ACTUAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE ATTEMPT.

3. THE CALLER REPORTEDLY OFFERED NO MOTIVE FOR EITHER
ATTACK. THIS GROUPING IS ONE OF MANY RATHER MYSTERIOUS
ASSEMBLAGES OF YOUNG "EXTRAPARLIAMENTARY LEFTISTS".
SIMILAR GROUPS HAVE ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY FOR OTHER
ACTS OF VIOLENCE RECENTLY PERPETRATED AGAINST ITALIAN
INDUSTRIAL FIRMS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES.

4. COMMENT: THEODOLI --AN ITALIAN OF NOBLE ANCESTRY-- HAS
BEEN A MAJOR SPOKESMAN FOR PETROLEUM INDUSTRY IN ITS EFFORTS
TO OBTAIN PRICE-LEVEL INCREASES FROM GOI. HOWEVER, THEODOLI
SHOOTING APPEARS LESS RELATED TO SPECIFIC CONDITIONS IN
PETROLEUM INDUSTRY THAN TO WHAT HAS THE EARMARKS OF A
CAMPAIGN AGAINST PROMENENT ITALIAN BUSINESSES AS
EVIDENCED IN TECACO BURNING AND FIRES AT FIAT AND
ELSEWHERE. ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCI) APPEARS
TO BE AS UPSET AND PERPLEXED BY THESE EVENTS AS ARE THE
OTHER PARTIES.VOLPE

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